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RE: Atmos Energy Corporation
Case No. 2006-00194
Petition for Confidential Protection

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

The Commission has received the petition filed June 19, 2006, to protect as confidential certain information being provided in response to the Initial Data Request of Commission Staff to Atmos dated June 9, 2006. A review of the information has determined that it is entitled to the protection requested on the grounds relied upon in the petition and it shall be withheld from public inspection.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, you are required by 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7(9)(a), to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Beth O'Donnell", written over a large, stylized scribble.

Beth O'Donnell
Executive Director

cc: All parties of record

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